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In re	:
Tang, et al.	: DECISION REGARDING
Application No. 10/784,917	: PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: February 24, 2004	:
Attorney Docket No. 034536-1150	:

This decision is in response to the "COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", filed November 27, 2006, requesting correction of the patent term adjustment (PTA) indicated on the patent.

The request is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **zero (0) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On September 20, 2006, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is fifty-one (51) days. On November 27, 2006, applicants submitted the instant "COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT", stating that in accordance with their duty of candor and good faith, the 51 days of PTA appears to extend the patent term by too many days.

The Office determined a patent term adjustment of fifty-one (51) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of fifty-one (51) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), reduced by zero (0) days of applicant delay.

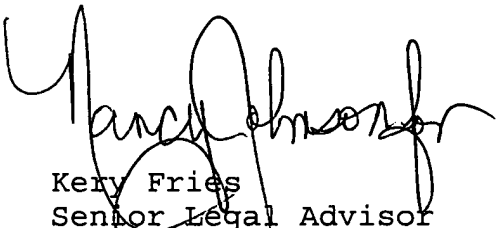
A review of the application reveals that applicants should have been accorded one hundred nine (109) days of delay pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(7). On June 17, 2004, applicants filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 to supply a missing drawing figure and accept the date it was filed as the filing date of the application. However, the petition was dismissed in a decision mailed on August 3, 2004, because applicants failed to supply the Office with a copy of the missing drawing figure with their petition. Applicants filed a request for reconsideration and supplied the missing figure on October 4, 2004. Accordingly, under § 1.704(c)(7), applicants should have been assessed delay of one hundred nine (109) days.

In addition, applicants should have been assessed delay of sixty-two (62) days under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). The Office mailed a final Office action on April 6, 2006. Applicants did not file a proper reply until September 6, 2006. Accordingly, sixty-two (62) days of applicant delay should have been assessed.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **zero (0) days** (51 days of PTO delay, reduced by 171 days of applicant delay), subject to any terminal disclaimer.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this letter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.



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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/784917

Application Filing Date:	02/24/2004	PTO Delay (PTO):	51
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	0
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-171		

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